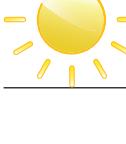


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Military experience teaches discipline, student veterans say

Student veterans face challenges readjusting to college life, benefit from military service

Elizabeth Hughes
staff writer

Military veteran students make up some of the few who can describe their college experience as "disciplined" and "financially stable." Of the approximately 24,000 undergraduate students at K-State, those with a military background are no stranger to structure and dedication. Many have already gained an immense amount of real-world experience and maturity once they begin their career as a Wildcat and are prepared to focus solely on the books when they step foot on the K-State campus.

With the benefits of military experience, however, comes a fair share of challenges and adjustments. The age gap and difference in maturity between standard college students and post-military students results in a certain level of separation.

"You go to college right after high school and everything is still so fresh in your mind," said Doug Schneider, sophomore in open option and retired Marine. "Taking a four-year break with absolutely no learning when it comes to books and things like math is hard."

Schneider retired from the Marine Corps after being deployed to Iraq twice and serving for a total of four years. Although he said it can be hard at times to relate to average students because of a difference in age and experience, he said he wouldn't trade his

time in the Marine Corps for anything.

"The discipline I got as a Marine is really helping me out right now with school," Schneider said. "I can buckle down and study for something. I got all of my partying done when I was in the Marines in California so I come here and just focus on school."

Bryan Averill, junior in marketing and Marine veteran, shared similar views, saying that his military experience gave him the ability to remain persistent and persevere to succeed in school.

"I think the Marine Corps really set me up to succeed in college because there's a lot of motivation," he said. "All the stuff that got me through boot camp, you know, when you're hiking up that mountain with over a hundred pounds on your back and you can stop, but decide to keep going. I have a lot of dedication."

Averill said his success stemmed from a strict schedule and his ability to separate war from civilian life.

"Some people will bring back what they saw over there and they can't differentiate between the two," he said. "You can separate your two worlds, but a lot of times people will have problems with it. To me, it's like I see that happen over there, and I know that's not how I operate here in the States. That is war and this is civilian life."

According to Averill, the biggest difference between college and the military is structure. He said as a Marine, you're constantly given orders and direction, whereas students have the freedom to decide how they spend their time.

"I really excel in a structured environment, but I was getting tired of being told



where I had to live and exactly how I had to dress," he said.

Pat Johnson, senior military science instructor and executive battalion officer, said success as a military veteran turned college student really depends on the individual.

He agreed that maturity level and age gap are the most substantial challenges veter-

ans face, and he said those things have the possibility to both help or hurt their potential.

Success in the ROTC program specifically did not necessarily correlate with military experience, Johnson said.

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Class size large factor for students

Cody Howard
contributing writer

Editor's Note: This article was completed as an assignment for a class in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

Class size is a major deciding factor for many students looking at which course and section to enroll in. The difference between a small recitation and a large lecture could be the difference in a letter grade.

Many K-State students and faculty members said they feel smaller is better when it comes to classes and class sizes.

"Engagement is the key to student success," said Greg Eiselein, professor in English. "Smaller classes are often more conducive to engaging students, and they allow for more faculty-student contact and various forms of active and collaborative learning."

Small class sizes not only help students, but they also allow professors to interact with students directly, allowing them to tailor their teaching to the most beneficial way of learning for their students, Eiselein said.

Small class sizes also give professors and students freedom, he said.

According to Erin White, senior in political science, students are able to interact and create connections with other students in the class when the classes are smaller. Group projects and class discussions that allow them to have study groups and receive help from their peers outside of the classroom are other benefits that she listed.

"Personally, I feel that small classrooms are a great place for student relationships to be built through peer teaching and challenging each other's thoughts, which can be just as valuable to future success of a student as their core curriculum," White said.

Small classes also seem to have much higher attendance than large lectures. White suggested one reason for the increased attendance might be that students actually enjoy going to a smaller, more personal and engaging course because they leave each class

period knowing they learned something that day.

Small classrooms might also give students confidence in public speaking through presentations and class discussions.

The overwhelming majority of K-State's classrooms are designed for relatively small classes. In fact, 92 percent of classes offered on campus have under 50 students.

With nearly 24,000 students, the university has an 18-to-1 student to professor ratio.

Emily Lehning, assistant vice president for student life, said that she believes that involving students in smaller class sizes generally helps professors come up with more interactive class discussions and activities, which she said can help students be much more successful.

"Learning activities, that engage students in opportunities to work together are viewed as challenging and encourage practice in writing and speaking in front of groups, tend to help promote student success," Lehning said. "It seems easier to incorporate some of these activities when class sizes are smaller."

Lehning said that it is for this reason K-State faculty promote smaller class sizes and student engagement.

Pat Bosco, dean of students and vice president of student life, said that although at first, it might seem like common sense that larger classes do not offer as much one-on-one attention from teachers, he has seen professors like Kelly Welch, assistant professor in family studies and human services, and Mike Wesch, associate professor in sociology, engage students despite teaching large lecture classes.

Bosco said basing tuition costs on class size rather than credit hours is an interesting concept, but after careful consideration, "unattainable." The currency for universities is credit hours, and for both parties, there is probably no better option, Bosco said.

"It costs the university less," Bosco said. "But in terms of quality and connection, we have seen it in both large and small session across the academy."

Fraternity to raise money for cancer research

Darrington Clark
edge editor

The K-State community is host to many programs and organizations that make a difference in the lives of students and citizens of Manhattan.

Alpha Kappa Psi, a student-led business fraternity based in K-State's College of Business, has worked and will continue to work on behalf of The Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research, which utilizes faculty and students to further education and understanding of cancer, and work to-

wards a cure.

AKPsi was formed in 1920 as a way for students to realize their goals in business careers such as management, finance, accounting, marketing and management information systems.

The organization prides itself on the fundraising money they use to fund themselves and their philanthropy projects, said Margaret Baer, senior in marketing and environmental sciences and president of AKPsi.

"In the past, we've hosted a barbecue and held a golf tournament," Baer said.

Both of those events went very well, and we had good turnout."

Baer said that the cancer research center has been an excellent partner, and AKPsi continues to help them in any way possible.

Samantha Schuckman, senior in marketing and AKPsi co-chair for philanthropy, also spoke positively about the research center and explained why the business fraternity chose it as a philanthropy partner.

"We started working with the center about four years ago," Schuckman said. "We wanted to find a good cause

to donate towards, and they just coincided with us. We usually make an average of \$1,500 to \$2,000 to donate to them every semester."

AKPsi has found success in many of their charitable efforts, and Baer said that they plan to make many of their events annual.

"Our golf tournament went very well, so we will host it again," Baer said. "But people don't have to wait until those events to help. We're currently accepting any donations to offer."

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Defense budget cuts could affect Fort Riley

Zach Weaver
contributing writer

Editor's Note: This article was completed as an assignment for a class in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications. This is one part of a two part series.

Fort Riley Garrison Commander Colonel William Clark strode into the fort's conference room to address the media, enthusiastically introducing himself and shaking everyone's hands.

With a confident smile and bright demeanor, he seemed to have few worries.

After a brief introduction of Fort Riley and a review of how the base had been performing lately, however, Clark hesitated.

The smile faded, and a slight tone of concern arose in the colonel's next statement.

"But, as you all know, there's a new fiscal reality," Clark said.

The drive in Washington to balance the federal budget has put the Defense Department on the defensive. Some are

saying the department needs to shed at least a quarter of its costs.

Cost cutting has consequences for base like the historic Fort Riley military base. The civilian work force is already being reduced, new construction will be substantially slow, and other difficult questions remain.

The community will face several challenges while experiencing a strained budget, such as housing pressure, a return to civilian employment and future funding cuts.

A Fiscally Shrinking Defense

America has proudly held the title as the world's superior military force for most of the 20th century. However, this status has come at a price.

According to the Department of Defense Greenbook, upon the completion of the Cold War, U.S. defense spending steadily declined for nearly a decade. After Sept. 11, 2001, however, the Bush administration increased the budget 70 percent, reaching its highest point since the end of World War II in 1945.

Under the Obama administration,

the defense budget has continued to creep up steadily to \$712 billion in fiscal year 2011, according to the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments.

Many economists and defense specialists wondered if that substantial amount was sustainable given the nation's economic demands, and now, the Obama administration says that the previous increases are not economically feasible.

In the spring of 2011, Obama's administration officials announced that the budget would have to slim down within the next decade. Originally stating that the cuts would be around \$480 billion, the White House changed the target number in November to nearly \$1 trillion over 10 years after the congressional budget supercommittee failed to agree on the deficit-reduction plan.

This drastic increase in the amount of projected cuts leaves the Pentagon in a bind as officials will contemplate how to maintain military efficiency despite cutting a quarter of the nation's defense budget.

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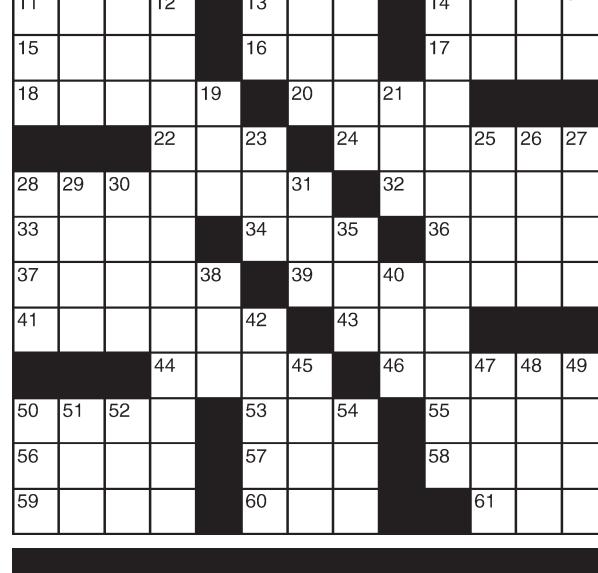
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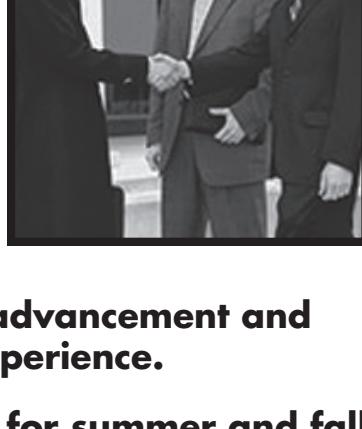
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ARREST REPORTS

THURSDAY

Lnu Fnu, no address listed, was booked for no driver's license. No bond was listed.

Eli Vincent Gantenbein, of the 3000 block of Tuttle Creek Boulevard, was booked at 10:35 a.m. for failure to register as an offender. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Janis Trenay Rice, of Junction City, was booked for two count of failure to appear. Bond was set at \$5,500.

Eli Vincent Gantenbein, of the 3000 block of Tuttle Creek Boulevard, was booked at 1:03 p.m. for worthless check. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Ivan Cruz Carrasco Onofre, of Blue Springs, Mo., was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$750.

Denise Lynn Becerra, of Topeka, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$4,000.

Spencer Adam Laster, of Junction City, was booked for unlawful possession of hallucinogens and use or possession of paraphernalia to introduce into the human body. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Jake Fechner, of Dwight, Kan., was booked at 8:15 p.m. for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license and unlawful habitual violation. Bond was set at \$3,500.

Jake Fechner, of Dwight, Kan., was booked at 11:31 p.m. No bond or charges were listed.

Jake Fechner, of Dwight, Kan., was booked at 11:34 p.m. for burglary and criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$2,500.

FRIDAY

Corbin Trevor Harris, of the 2200 block of College Avenue, was booked for disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$750.

Skylor Cole Alexander, of Garden City, Kan., was booked for battery. Bond was set at \$500.

Joshua Dalton Knous, of the 200 block of Parker Drive, was booked for disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$750.

Gent Ewart Simmons, of McDowell, N.C., was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

William Hughes Ellis, of the 3100 block of Lundin Drive, was booked for rape. Bond was set at \$50,000.

Jerry Megan Ellis, of White City, Kan., was booked for theft. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Rebecca Jean Brown, of Clay Center, Kan., was booked

Amanda Sue Wilroy, of the 700 block of Allen Road, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$3,500.

Crystal Joy Lynch, of Keats, Kan., was booked for possession of opiates, opium and narcotics; burglary; possession of drug paraphernalia; theft; and criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Melissa Michelle Tisdale, of Keats, Kan., was booked for possession of opiates, opium, or narcotics; use or possession of paraphernalia to introduce into the human body; and possession of paraphernalia to grow or distribute marijuana. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Breanna Justine Smith, of the 1900 block of Hayes Drive, was booked at 5:12 p.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Breanna Justine Smith, of the 1900 block of Hayes Drive, was booked at 5:15 p.m. for criminal use of explosives. Bond was set at \$3,500.

Billy Joe Graves, of Fredonia, Kan., was booked for fleeing or attempting to elude an officer; reckless driving and duty of a driver to report damage to an unattended vehicle. Bond was set at \$2,500.

for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$750.

SATURDAY

Marcus David Rothlisberger, of Junction City, was booked for disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$750.

Farrukh Shahzad, of the 2100 block of Kitten Avenue, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Cody Alan Brummett, of the 600 block of Bertrand Street, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$4,000.

Cordero Deonte Lane, of Manhattan, was booked for probation violation. No bond was listed.

Wendell Lilton Parrish, of the 1300 block of Houston Street, was booked for the sale, distribution or cultivation of opiates or narcotics. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Karla Castro, of Junction City, was booked for purchase or consumption of alcoholic liquor by a minor and obstruction of the legal process. Bond was set at \$750.

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Aaron Jennings Salem, of the 800 block of Osage Street, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$124.

Benjamin Michael Zimmerman, of the 1400 block of Beechwood Terrace, was booked for unlawful possession of hallucinogens and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Shawndrica Reashea Wilkins, of Wichita, was booked for burglary, giving a worthless check, theft, forgery and conspiracy to commit a crime. Bond was set at \$4,000.

Tracy Diane Evans, of Welsey, Kan., was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$750.

SUNDAY

Ryan Jarell Ewing, of the 2200 block of College Avenue, was booked for disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$256.

Brook Ellen Becker, of Hutchinson, Kan., was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$750.

Daniel David Holle, of Riley, Kan., was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$500.

Joshua Moises Soto-Conreas, of the 2200 block of College Avenue, was booked for disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$750.

Yaser Abdulmanah Alhamadi, of the 2100 block of Prairie Glen Place, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Carrie Danilla Myran, of Clay Center, Kan., was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Gavin Taylor Hairgrove, of Putnam Hall, was booked for driving under the influence, unlawful possession of hallucinogens, use or possession of paraphernalia to introduce into the human body and purchase or consumption of alcoholic liquor by a minor. Bond was set at \$1,500.

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VETERANS | Prior service ROTC cadets experience different kinds of success

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necessarily correlate with military experience, Johnson said.

"I can't give a straight answer and say the veterans coming off of active duty are better cadets because that's not the case," he said. "Some are, some aren't. Like any other cadet in the program, some are successful and others aren't so much."

Johnson said a share of the prior service ROTC cadets suc-

ceed because they have the desire to be an officer, the right experience and top physical fitness.

"Some take it as they're the leader of their class and they're going to have other people looking up to them because they're experienced," he said. "We want them to participate in class and mentor other cadets. Those that do are usually very successful and great for the program."

According to Johnson, occasionally there are prior service

cadets who don't experience the same kind of success because the ROTC program is not what they expected.

"It's a lot harder than they thought it was going to be," Johnson said. "They struggle academically. Some guys come off of active duty and then do some sort of odd job for a couple years and then come back to join our program and things have changed. They're not as physically fit as they were in active duty."

Johnson said that the adjustment is always the hardest for students with prior military service, regardless of expectations. He also said, however, that those with prior experience have a tremendous advantage over the ROTC cadets fresh out of

high school because they know what it is like to be an enlisted soldier. He said the cadets leave the ROTC program after four years and immediately become second lieutenant and in charge of a platoon.

"A big benefit is they've done

the enlisted side so they know what it's like," Johnson said. "The guys who come in who have had that experience know what they're getting themselves into and know they're going to be in charge of these soldiers. They know what they want to do."

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K-State student dies while skiing in Colorado

Garret Spencer, sophomore in business administration, died on Saturday, March 24, while skiing with friends in Colorado.

Spencer, 19, hit a tree while skiing at Wolf Creek Ski Area in southwestern Colorado.

Davey Pitcher, owner of Wolf Creek Ski Area resort, told The Denver Post that the accident happened on a green run, which is a type of marked course for beginner skiers. He also said that Spencer was skiing without a helmet.

According to Fred Hosselkus, Mineral County Sheriff, Spencer received almost immediate medical attention from a nurse nearby and ski patrol members that were quickly notified.

Attempts at CPR administered by medical staff failed.

Great Bend resident to be tried in teen murder case

Today, Adam Joseph Longoria, of Great Bend, Kan., will be tried for capital murder, attempt-

ed rape and criminal solicitation of a minor in the ongoing murder case of Great Bend teen, Alicia DeBolt.

DeBolt, who was 14 years old at the time of her death, was found dead the weekend before she was set to start high school.

After she left her house just before midnight one weekend in August 2010, DeBolt never returned, prompting her family to report her missing to the local police.

Three days later, her body was found, charred from head to toe with traces of duct tape on her ankles and face.

Police said that Longoria, 38, first came into contact with DeBolt in July 2010 and corresponded with her via text message. Longoria continued to contact DeBolt and even gave her alcoholic mixed drinks. According to prosecutors, he accused an 18-year-old of blocking his attempts to have sex with her.

Longoria was arrested after he was found driving a stolen SUV from the asphalt company where he worked. DeBolt's body was found just days earlier near the same asphalt company plant just

south of town.

Although Longoria will not be subject to the death penalty, if convicted, he could face a life sentence in prison without parole.

Doctoral dissertations

The Graduate School announces the final doctoral dissertation of Sathesh Subramanian, titled, "Agronomical, Physiological and Biochemical Approaches to Characterize Sweet Sorghum Genotypes for Biofuel Production." It will be held March 26 at 1 p.m. in 2002 Throckmorton Hall.

The Graduate School announces the final doctoral dissertation of James Lattimer, titled, "Effects of Diet Induced Short Chain Fatty Acids on Hepatic and Myocellular Lipid Metabolism in Gilts." It will be held April 2 at 10 a.m. in 146 Justin Hall.

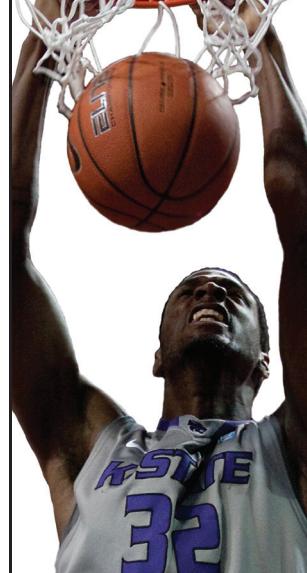
The Graduate School announces the final doctoral dissertation of Erica Cain, titled, "An Investigation of the Oncogenic Potential and Function of the Dual Specificity Phosphatase 12." It will be held April 11 at 9 a.m. in 324A Ackert Hall.

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Syrian government oppresses doctors, citizens; U.S. should help



Abdulrahman Alkhiary

The United Nations estimates that over 5,000 people have been killed while protesting the Syrian government in recent months, according to a Jan. 22 article by Aaron Guggenheim in The Michigan Daily.

Doctors Without Borders, an international humanitarian organization, reports that the Syrian system is engaged in repression without mercy against the doctors who are trying to help people who have been injured. The organiza-

tion also added, from witnesses who got out of the country, that most injured people refuse to be taken to public hospitals, knowing that they might get arrested or killed, so doctors are treating the injured at small apartments or farms, according to a Feb. 9 article in Asharq Al-Awsat, a Saudi

French news agency quoted in the article.

According to The Michigan Daily, Mohammad Arabi, a radiologist at the University Hospital, protested recently in honor of his deceased relative, an orthopedic surgeon

A doctor who did not want his name to be revealed has said that security forces working for the Syrian regime "attack and destroy hospitals." He added, "They also enter houses searching for any medicine or medical equipment," according to a

of funding for medicine and medical equipment. The U.S. should also put pressure on the United Nations to protect medical personnel in Syria and seek permission for agencies like Doctors Without Borders, the Red Cross and the Red Crescent to offer medical support to Syrians who need it.

The relationship between the U.S. and Syria has, for a long time, been tense and uncertain. Helping to protect human rights and medical professionals who are doing their duties always the right thing to do, but in Syria, it will also go a long way toward promoting freedom for the Syrian people and building a more positive relationship between the U.S. and Syria in the future.

The United States has already taken a step to stop the violence by the Syrian regime against its people by condemning the government for what it's doing. The United States has also closed its embassy in Syria, and other countries have done the same, including Turkey, France and Saudi Arabia. The United States could do a lot more if the people in the U.S. would ask their government to do so.

The Kansas community should contact their representatives and senators to call for the U.S. government to take action to help the Syrian doctors and injured protesters. We should ask our government to continue to condemn the Syrian government for its systematic oppression of its people. Furthermore, we should support other organizations that are willing to help the Syrian people, like the Arab League. Sometimes people have to stand up and do the right thing, especially when it comes to standing up for people who are asking for liberty and justice for all.

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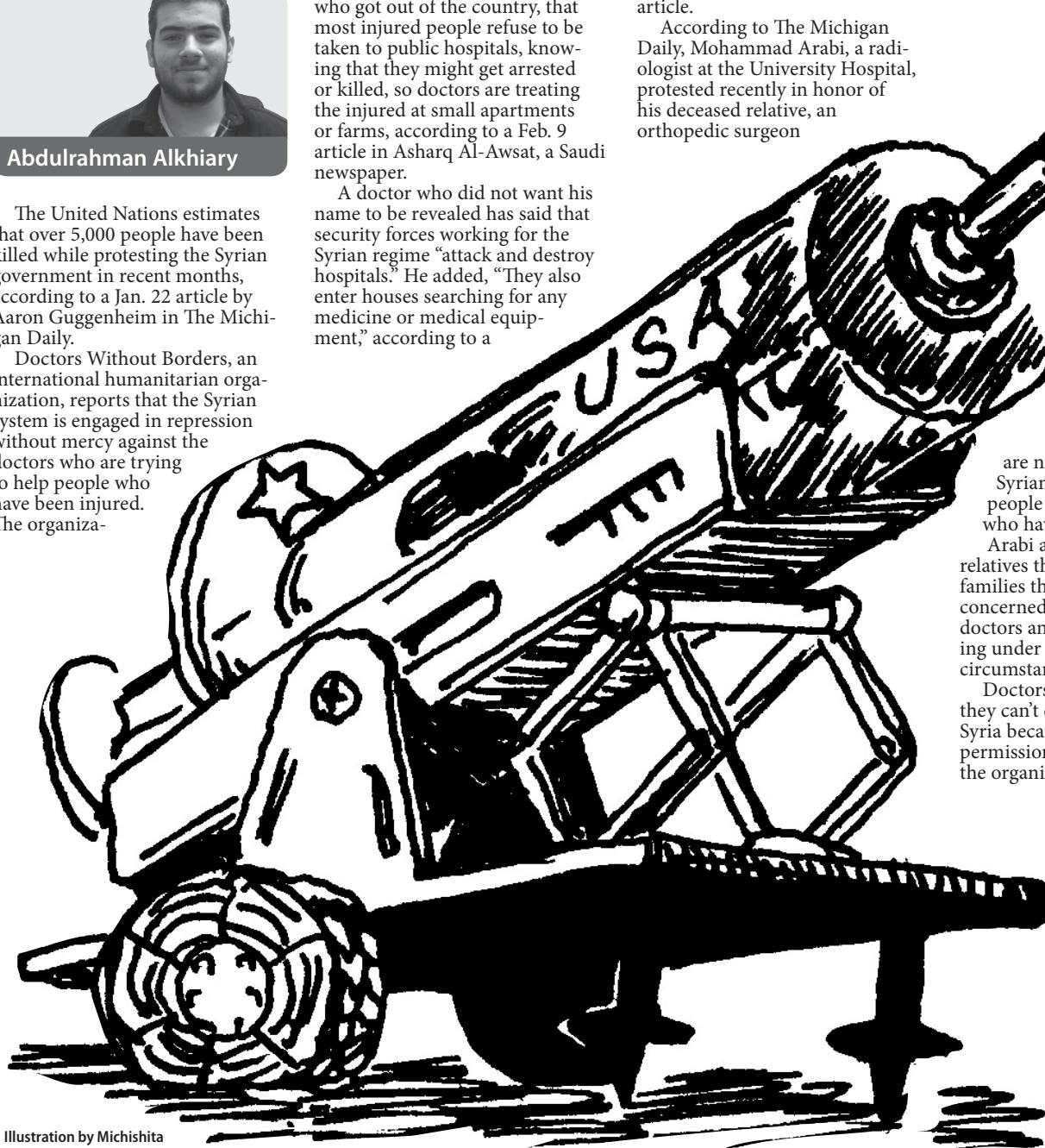


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Industry has work to do to correct public's perception of comics



Tyler Brown

On Jan. 18, a Fox News affiliate out of Washington DC published an article by Sherri Ly stating how DC Comics' "New 52" relaunch is using sex and violence to sell comics. As an avid comics reader, reading the article and watching the video report, I couldn't help but notice a multitude of errors.

Above all, with so many movies and television shows using comics as source material, Fox News and the general public need to come to one realization: comics aren't just for kids.

My first qualm with the article concerns the titles it mentions. "Suicide Squad," "Red Hood and the Outlaws," "Catwoman" and "Batman: The Dark Knight" — these four titles are expected to exemplify the 52 titles DC Comics relaunched? Not only that, but these four are marketed to adults, and almost all comic books on the racks these days, whether they are DC, Marvel, Dark Horse, Image or more independent titles, also have ratings on the front covers.

The article conveniently fails to mention that these four titles, or the others whose covers are shown that aren't even part of the relaunch, aren't exactly the cream of the crop when it comes to quality writing and art.

Of course, writing and art is what makes comics what they are; they're sequential pictures and words telling the reader a story. In fact, the closest thing to reading a comic is watching a movie. It's here that, as someone interested in the industry, one of my biggest annoyances comes into play with the perception that comics are just for kids.

At the university level, comics are lumped into children's literature and are read with picture books and discussed in classes. One of the most obvious divisions was brought to my attention last fall in a class taught by

Joe Sutliff Sanders, assistant professor in English, about comics and picture books. In one class, Sanders mentioned how he had a breakthrough when one of his students made the clear distinction that "you can't read comics out loud."

It's with this that I stress that comics are a literary form all their own. Any comic or graphic novel can cover any genre, from nonfiction, science fiction, horror, western and, of course, the superhero genre, among many others.

Along with the Fox News article, history has shown that the misperception of comics has led to unnecessary persecution. In the article, child psychologist Neil Bernstein was quoted as saying, "It's sort of like a fictionalized Playboy for kids at its worst."

To me, Bernstein echoed Frederic Wertham, a psychiatrist who lead a crusade against the comic book industry in the 1950s and wrote a book called "Seduction of the Innocent." Wertham's research led him to troubled youth and felons around New York City, all of whom read comics. So clearly, these books were trouble for all.

Wertham's crusade lead to senate hearings and were aimed mainly at the crime and horror comics of publisher EC Comics. The publisher's comics were notable for having horrific covers showing murders about to happen or decapitations. These hearings led to the publishers' creation of the Comics Code Authority, a self-regulating organization intended to eliminate the unsavory from comic books. The CCA's final participating publisher, Archie Comics, discontinued its participation in the organization in 2011. Now, publishers have ratings on their front covers like "E-everyone," "T-teen," "T+" and "mature."

Although these newer self-rating systems from publishers are on every title on sales racks, I've noticed that the industry has been lacking in child-friendly titles. Whenever I have taken a look at titles aimed specifically at kids, I've found the stories

to be overly didactic and simple, something kids would roll their eyes at. There are newer titles working to make comics more accessible for kids, and the industry needs it, considering most of its readership consists of adults.

The argument

against comics, especially a publisher's entire line, is as immature as the accused titles. The affiliate uses four comics aimed at adults to attack DC Comics, ignoring the other 48 more worthwhile titles. It's reminiscent

cent of attacks on the video game industry by critics who argue against an entire medium because certain titles are too violent.

I'm not saying that comics need a new rating system, because each publisher's own ratings systems are doing so just fine. As with any type of media consumption, parents should be more aware of what comics their children are picking up on the stands.

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ONLINE POLL

This week's question:

How do you feel about the last six weeks of school?

- 1 Motivated
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- 3 Distracted
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TO THE POINT

Students, teachers can find ways to cope with class size

To the point is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

Sitting in a classroom with 299 other people does not always make for a promising learning environment. Cramming into a lecture hall that becomes more like a sauna on a hot day can be frustrating.

On the other hand, seeing the same five people every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at

in the morning isn't a shining educational beacon either. There is always the know-it-all, outspoken student who ends up making the class more about their issues with the theories of the text than the actual assigned reading.

Striking a balance between the classroom and material retention is not easy. We have all had to deal with classes that could have been great if the class size were different.

It is not always up to students to bear the burden of poor classroom space allocation. Teachers

who understand the size of their classes should take into consideration how to engage a large or small group.

As an editorial board, we enjoy teachers who can teach to all types of class sizes. Teachers who seem excited to teach often elicit a more powerful response from students that, in turn, makes learning easy.

Students suffering from inappropriate class size should focus on their own academic endeavors. Look for resources outside class to supplement your daily discussion, find a study partner

or go to the professor's office hours.

Study tools put in place for freshmen, like Cat Communities, should be available for students further along in their degree. This type of learning environment could be beneficial for classes above the 400-level.

Lastly, we encourage students to take the T-VALS seriously. If a teacher or graduate assistant has really gone above and beyond, let the department know. Keeping motivated teachers on staff will only help to improve our education.

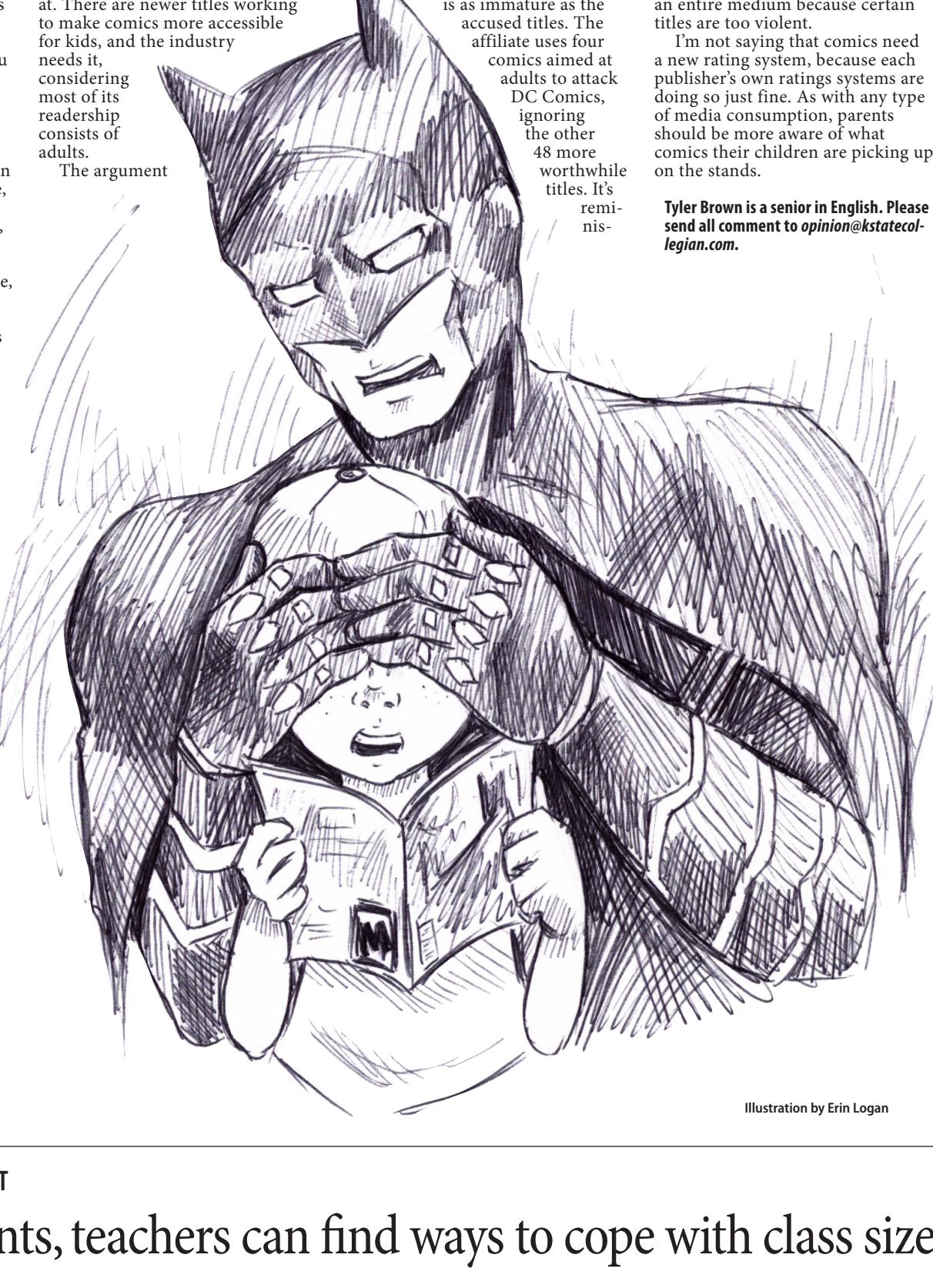


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2012-13 athletic passes available today for all returning students

Kelly McHugh
sports editor

This year, the K-State athletics department is offering a new way for students to obtain their 2012-13 student athletic passes. Beginning today, all returning K-State students, regardless of when they are able to register for next fall's classes, can order passes.

"We wanted to let students not have to worry about trying to figure out their class schedules and allow them the op-

portunity to log on and order their passes when it was early and convenient for them," said Adam Prough, assistant director of fan strategies.

There are some perks to ordering passes early this year. All students who purchase their 2012-13 passes will receive free admission to the Purple & White Spring Game on April 28, and students who purchase ICAT passes will receive a 1 in 100 chance to win one of 32 different prizes.

"For every 100 ICAT passes

sold, we're going to pull someone's name out of that range and they'll win one of those prizes," Prough said. "Some of those prizes include the new iPad, a 42-inch HD TV and just a number of other unique gifts that are related to K-State."

For the Spring Game, Prough said students will be contacted by email about how to redeem their free admission to the game and will also receive information about the pregame tailgate.

Students can purchase passes online by logging into iSiS and navigating to the self service page. Under marketplace, click on athletic tickets and follow the steps from there.

There are three packages available to students: the ICAT football and basketball combo for \$295, the GA football and basketball combo for \$235 and GA football only for \$150.

K-State athletics department representatives will be

in the K-State Student Union all week with computers to assist students interested in purchasing their student athletic passes.

"Our students are always very passionate about the ICAT tickets," Prough said. "The ICAT section holds 3,200 [students] and in the past, we haven't sold out of ICATs until the end of enrollment in June. But with students not having to worry about enrollment now, we do anticipate they will go a little faster. So we just

encourage everybody that if they're planning on coming back to K-State to log on to iSiS and order now."

The K-State athletics department is using the hashtag #8000Strong this year, and Prough said he encourages students to get involved by adding #800Strong to tweets about purchasing a student athletic pass.

For more help with purchasing a ticket packages, visit kstatesports.com/tickets.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

K-State spotlight continues long after leaving NCAA tournament

Corbin McGuire
staff writer

Frank Martin and the K-State men's basketball program may have been booted out of the NCAA tournament in the third round after losing to the Syracuse Orange, but they remained in the college basketball spotlight for off-the-court reasons well after that game.

As rumors began to swirl about Martin's future as the Wildcats' head coach, mostly fueled by Twitter and reports from unnamed sources, so did the worries of Wildcats fans.

The report that started the social media frenzy came from an aol.sportingnews.com story that reported that South Carolina University officials requested permission from K-State officials to talk to Martin about the Gamecocks' head coaching vacancy.

Martin addressed these rumors when he participated as a guest studio analyst for CBS today for Saturday's Elite Eight games.

"In the age of social media that we live in right now, it's crazy. I was scheduled to be at a press conference today in South Carolina and I was sitting watching a show in New York City last night. And obviously I'm sitting here with you guys today ... The stuff that gets out these days," Martin said. "I look at it as a compliment that we're doing our job the right way at Kansas State that these sort of things get out."

The Gamecocks are looking to replace former head coach Darrin Horn, who finished this season by losing 11 of 12 games for a 10-21 record, continuing South Carolina's drought of not reaching the NCAA tournament since 1998.

Martin also addressed the controversy surrounding the suspension of Jamar Samuels in the Wildcats' final game of the season that many speculated might be a reason Martin would seek coaching shelter outside of Manhattan.

Samuels was suspended by

K-State after being found out to have accepted \$200 from his former Amateur Athletic Union coach Curtis Malone.

Martin was especially emotional when asked about the absence of Samuels after the loss and continued to defend his senior on national television when asked about it on CBS.

"There are a lot of rules that don't understand the culture of these kids and where they come from. Jamar walked into an unfortunate situation, because like I've told everybody, he didn't ask an agent for money. He didn't ask a booster for money," Martin said. "He didn't take advantage of being a student athlete because he asked someone he met after he got into an NCAA institution for money. He asked a person who has been a father figure in his life since he was about 12 years of age. I understand there are rules and you've got to protect institutions and you've got to keep amateur athletes amateur, I get all that and I'm all for doing things the right way. That's why after the game I said he didn't do anything wrong. When they put me in my grave that's still going to be my opinion."

Martin made sure not to undermine the K-State administrators' decision to suspend Samuels while defending his player at the same time.

"It has to start with your school, once it gets on our school's plate our administrators have to take action," Martin said. "You can't act as if you don't know. That becomes a problem. Our school did what it had to do."

Martin continued, saying he sent players money as a high school coach to help out with miscellaneous costs that are not covered by "scholarship money."

"They don't have an option," Martin said. "It's not like they can work while they're in college. They can't find ways to make money. When there is no money at home, who is going to help these guys?"



Junior guard **Rodney McGruder** looks for a shot against Oklahoma State on March 3 in Bramlage Coliseum. The K-State men's basketball team defeated Southern Mississippi in their second round game in the NCAA Tournament, but fell to No. 1 seed Syracuse in the third round, ending their season.

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Results of K-State athletics over spring break

Saturday, March 17:

Track and Field at Tulsa Duels, 6 wins
Women's basketball vs. Princeton, Win 67-64
Men's basketball vs. Syracuse, Loss 75-59
Men's baseball at Texas A&M, Loss 9-2
Women's equestrian vs. Oklahoma State, Loss 11-9

Sunday, March 18:

Women's tennis vs. Memphis, Loss 7-0
Men's baseball at Texas A&M, Loss 7-2
Women's Rowing at Longhorn Invitational, 7 Wins

Monday, March 19:

Women's basketball vs. Connecticut, Loss 72-26

Tuesday, March 20:

Men's baseball vs. Creighton, Rained out

Friday, March 23:

Women's tennis vs. Texas Tech, Loss 4-3
Men's baseball vs. Texas, Win 5-2

Saturday, March 24:

Men's baseball vs. Texas, Loss 6-4
Men's golf at Desert Shootout, Tie for 4th place
Women's golf at Mountain View Collegiate, 6th place
Track and Field at ASU Invitational, 2 wins

Sunday, March 25:

Men's baseball vs. Texas, Loss 8-5
Women's tennis vs. Baylor, Loss 4-3

BASEBALL

Texas beats K-State in last two games to win series

Spencer Low
staff writer

After a 5-2 victory on Friday night in their home opener for Big 12 Conference play, the Wildcats lost Saturday 6-4 in extra innings and again on Sunday 8-5 as the Longhorns took the series. The Wildcats fell to 13-10, 2-4 in the Big 12 and Texas rose to 13-9, 5-1 in the Big 12.

On Friday, K-State relied on solid pitching and some good offense by sophomore Ross Kivett, who went three for three, and senior Jake Brown, who was 2 for 2 with a pair of RBIs.

"We got some big hits," head coach Brad Hill said after the game. "Guys took good swings, and we started a couple runners."

After the Longhorns jumped out to an early one-run lead, a pair of seniors, Brown and senior first baseman Wade Hinkle, got the Wildcats out in front as Kivett came home on a single from Brown, who advanced to third and came around to score on Hinkle's single.

K-State struck for 2 more in the fourth, when Brown's single brought home junior Tanner Witt for his second RBI and sophomore Jared King stroked a single to right to bring home Kivett and give the Wildcats a three-run lead. Texas scored once more in the sixth when first baseman Alex Silver singled home Erich Weiss, but they failed to score again on the night. Tanner Witt provided an insurance run in the eighth, hitting a triple and coming home on a single from Texas pitcher Dillon Peters.

Senior Matt Applegate boosted his record to 2-2 on the season as he took the win, pitching 5.2 solid innings, allowing two runs off five hits, and striking out six while walking three. Sophomore Gerardo Esquivel continued the good

pitching for the Wildcats, pitching 2.1 scoreless innings, striking out three while allowing no walks and two hits. With a 3-run lead in the ninth, freshman Nate Williams recorded his second save on the year, working a scoreless inning with two strikeouts and one walk.

"We got the hits when we needed to and pitching was the name of the game tonight," Hill said. "I thought Applegate, Esquivel and obviously Williams there at the end, were outstanding."

In game two, the Wildcats took the game into extra innings, but Williams gave up two runs in the 11th, taking his first loss of the season and falling to 1-1.

K-State starter Joe Flattery pitched five shutout innings and left the game with the Wildcats out by three, but the bullpen had trouble keeping the lead as Texas scored twice in the sixth, eighth and eleventh innings.

"That was a tough one," Hill said. "But, Texas, they are the best at when you open up a door for them, they cash in and we opened up the door."

On offense, Dan Klein hit his first home run of the year to get the Wildcats on the board in the fourth inning. The senior catcher hit a two-run shot over the wall in left just after senior right fielder Mike Kindel worked a one-out walk. K-State scored again in the fifth, when Klein brought home Kivett on a single to center.

But the Wildcats couldn't cross home again and watched as the Longhorns scored four unanswered runs to take the win after being down by as much as three in the fifth inning. Second baseman Brooks Marlow led the team with two RBIs, and left fielder Jonathan Walsh added three hits as Texas evened out the series at 1-1. Corey Knebel got the win for Texas, pitching four no-hit innings, striking out four and walking two.

Texas took the rubber match

Sunday afternoon on the shoulders of Erich Weiss, their third baseman. Weiss, the reigning Big 12 Freshman of the Year and a was first team Big 12 selection last year, went three for four, with two home runs and a triple and three RBIs.

The Longhorns struck quickly in the top of the first, getting back-to-back triples by Jordan Etier and Weiss followed

"From an offensive standpoint, we had a couple opportunities, we let them off the hook, and we didn't handle the pressure of the hitting part of it."

Brad Hill
head coach

by a double by Jonathan Walsh for a quick 2-0 lead off K-State senior Kayvon Bahramzadeh.

Hill's fifth home run of the year led off the second inning for K-State and made it a 2-1 game, but Texas quickly lengthened their lead with the help of the Weiss' first homer, a two-run shot sent over the right field wall, bringing home Etier as well.

Weiss was the freshman of the year last year, and he's a great player," Hill said. "We made mistakes pitching to him and he hit it really good. We didn't make good pitches, and that's what this whole thing is about. When we made a mistake, they were ready to hit."

After trailing all afternoon, K-State evened up the game at four apiece in the fifth and things started to look up for the Wildcats. Witt led off the inning with a double, and the left fielder came around to score on a single by Kivett. Brown fol-

lowed by drawing a walk, and Texas head coach Augie Garrido made a pitching change. However, King drew a walk to load the bases, and senior third baseman Matt Giller hit a single to score Kivett and Kindel was hit by a pitch, which brought home Brown.

From there, K-State only managed to score once more, an RBI triple by King to score Kivett in the eighth, while Texas scored four more runs to put the game away and take the series. Etier and Weiss crossed home on a seventh inning double by Walsh, and in the ninth, with a one-run lead, Weiss hit his second homer and Walsh scored on a double by Silver.

Bahramzadeh lasted only three innings in the start, allowing four runs off seven hits with four strikeouts and no walks. Freshman Matt Wivin followed with three scoreless innings to help K-State get back in the game and handed the ball to fellow freshman Robert Youngdahl, who was charged with two runs in a third of an inning and took the loss, sinking his record to 0-1. Esquivel threw 1.2 scoreless innings, but another reliever was charged with two runs in .1 innings, as sophomore Jared Moore struggled to start off the ninth inning. Hill turned to Witt, who went to the mound from left field and recorded the last two outs for the Wildcats.

"From an offensive standpoint, we had a couple opportunities, we let them off the hook, and we didn't handle the pressure of the hitting part of it."

Hill was disappointed that the team dropped the series after a Friday win for the second straight weekend, both times against a ranked opponent.

The Wildcats have a chance to rebound with some quality wins this week, with a Tuesday game at Nebraska and a weekend series at Oklahoma.



The K-State women's golf team played in Tucson, Ariz., over spring break, finishing sixth on March 24, and will play next at the Ole Miss Rebel Invitational in Oxford, Miss., from April 6-8.

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Send up your voice



Logan M. Jones

Tony Baker, right, yells through a megaphone on Friday afternoon, leading hundreds of people gathered near Wichita State University to protest the shooting of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin. Martin was allegedly shot to death on Feb. 26 in Sanford, Fla., by neighborhood watch captain George Zimmerman, but subsequent actions by Florida law enforcement and Zimmerman's response have led to demonstrations across the nation.

AKPsi | Cooperation to continue

Continued from page 1

cancer research center has been a positive experience.

"Around seven years ago, we began talking about raising money for a specific and particular purpose," Niehoff said. "I knew we had a strong cancer research program and that they would appreciate anything we could do for them. The students completely took it from there, and we've been working with them and for them for four years now."

Niehoff said the cancer research center does appreciate the effort shown by AKPsi and shows it by giving back to the fraternity whenever possible.

"Rob Dennell and Jan Galitzer of the cancer research center come into our meetings and give us information on how we're helping them," Niehoff said. "It's been a great partnership. They appreciate us, and we enjoy helping."

Schuckman agreed with Niehoff, and said that the knowledge that the cancer research center provides AKPsi members with is a valuable contribution to their philanthropy efforts.

"When the research center workers come to our meetings, we all get new perspective," Schuckman said. "They tell us all about what we're doing and how we're helping. They give

us information on what goes on there."

Niehoff said that involvement with philanthropy projects is one of many goals set by AKPsi.

"We get to do various service projects for things around Manhattan," Niehoff said. "We've worked with Habitat For Humanity, campus organizations, all of those things. But we also try to do projects that will raise funds for our own services, such as field trips and conferences."

The time and effort that members put into AKPsi charity is a source of great pride for Niehoff. He said he expects the success to continue, not only for the cancer research center, but for the AKPsi program.

"We've been very successful, and we've also excelled in bringing new students to our fraternity and having participation in all of the activities we do," Niehoff said.

AKPsi and the cancer research center will continue to work together, and Baer said she hopes that their example will inspire others to help in any way they can, as well.

"We love to do this because we raise money and awareness," Baer said. "We would love for anyone to help us give back and spread the word."

BUDGET | No base safe from closure

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Fort Riley: The Proud Home of "The Big Red One"

Tucked away in the quiet Flint Hills of central Kansas lies Fort Riley.

The fort has a rich history since before the Civil War, guarding pioneers as they traveled the Oregon, Santa Fe and California trails. Fort Riley's troops had a large presence in both World Wars, as well as the Korean, Vietnam, the Cold War and the Gulf War. It currently boasts a daily population of 55,000, consisting of military, family members, retirees and civilian employees.

Its most notable feature, however, is that it is the home of the First Infantry Division. It is the oldest division in the U.S. Army, and it holds the nickname of "The Big Red One."

While the division has brought pride and economic assistance to the base, it may also provided an umbrella solution to a severe budget rainstorm.

"Since Fort Riley houses the 1st Infantry Division, it's such a major facility, I don't foresee any serious problems," said Winslow Wheeler, director of the Straus Military Reform Project in the Center for Defense Information.

Harold Stoney, military liaison for Kansas Senator Pat Roberts,

further explained how this base squeaked out of the spotlight thanks to the Base Realignment and Closure in 2005.

"Thankfully, we were at where nobody anticipated we were going to have huge, huge budget cuts," he said. "But, since we're at the front of the line, it will impact us a whole lot less than many others."

That said, no base will be exempt from the difficult financial hurdles ahead in the next decade. In fact, for Fort Riley, it has already started.

Civilian Employment

Laying off a worker is never an easy thing to do, especially one who dedicates their working time for soldiers. Clark said he experienced this challenge firsthand.

"In the appropriate funds part of our civilian workforce, we're having to reduce our force by approximately 15 percent," Clark said.

When word of the budget cuts first broke in early 2011, it was bad news for one soldier who requested to remain anonymous for this report. Since his wife was one of those civilian employees, the news left them burdened with uncertainty.

"It's a scary concept," he said.

"We know there are cuts coming, some quicker than others, but right now I don't know where

specifically they will be and how that will affect my family."

Clark said he recognized the worries of the civilian employees and is doing everything he can to work around firing individuals. When asked if Fort Riley will eventually have to resort to laying off workers, he responded, "I don't know. Absolutely hoping not."

Clark said he hopes to avoid cuts in employment by offering incentives for early retirement. He also said he is banking on volunteers leaving, as well as management reassessments.

Clark also noted that while there will be a 15 percent decrease in civilian employment, there also will be a 10 percent reduction in outside contracts.

Stones said that although civilian employment is made up of an abundance of contractors, there really isn't much more contracted development to be done.

"We have gotten to the front of the line, and we have pretty much done our growth right now," Stones said.

Given that plenty of contractors make up the civilian employment, this is likely where some cuts will occur.

"Our rate of military construction will drop dramatically starting with fiscal year 2013, to the point over the next six years, we go from \$1.5 billion to only about \$10 million," Clark said.

Steven A. Hawley

Former Astronaut and Professor of Physics & Astronomy, University of Kansas

Lecture for the General Public

Presented by the KSU Physics Department

Between 1981 and 2011, five Space Shuttles flew 135 missions with Atlantis completing the final mission last July. Dr. Hawley will share his perspectives on the challenges and accomplishments of the Space Shuttle program.

Dr. Hawley, a Kansas native, was born in Ottawa and grew up in Salina. He received a BA in physics & astronomy from the University of Kansas in 1973 and a PhD in astronomy & astrophysics from the University of California in 1977. In 1978, he was among the first group selected by NASA for its space shuttle program. He is a veteran of five space flights, retiring from NASA in 2008. His first flight was on the maiden Shuttle Discovery in 1984 and his final flight was on Columbia in 1999, which deployed the Chandra X-ray Observatory.



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ALLIANCE

206 Southwind Place, Ste. 1A

1 Bedroom

- 2302 Brockman
- 2006 College View
- 1620 Fairview
- 717 Humboldt
- 222 N. Juliette
- 607 N. Juliette
- 1017 Laramie
- 1725 Leavenworth
- 830 Moro
- 1304 N. Manhattan
- 1306 N. Manhattan
- 1310 N. Manhattan
- 321 Poliska
- 1021 Quivera
- 1008 Ratone

2 Bedrooms

- 1114 Bertrand
- 512 N. 11th
- 363 N. 14th
- 1620 Fairview
- 1200 Fremont
- 2204 Green
- 717 Humboldt
- 220 Juliette
- 621 Kearney
- 1500 McCain
- 800 Moro
- 701 N. 9th
- 715 S. 9th
- 2014 Seaton
- 2114 Spain
- 2115 Walnut

3 Bedrooms

- 1510 College Ave B-8
- 1200 Fremont
- 1521 Hartford
- 1525 Hartford
- 621 Kearney
- 406 Osage
- 2611 Rogers
- 2115 Walnut

4 Bedrooms

- 1023 Colorado
- 1025 Colorado
- 824 Fremont
- 848 Mission
- 406 Osage

5 Bedrooms*

- 1857 Anderson

*2 Apartments with 2 kitchens.

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